SATELLITE TELEVISION NETWORK AND NEAR REAL-TIME METHOD FOR DOWNLOADING AND VERIFYING A SUBSCRIBER REMOTE RECORD REQUEST

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Near real time downloading and verifying of a subscriber's remote record request is provided to control a DVR using the existing satellite network. The insertion of
10 the programming request into the continuous broadcast stream enables near real time processing of the request by a subscriber IRD to accommodate same day and even last minute remote programming requests. The use of a back channel to verify the request provides the subscriber with
15 assurance that the request has been processed successfully and flexibility to change services on the fly.